GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:798
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SAFETY OF PASSENGERS
DINSHA J. PATEL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have held any discussion with the State Governments for providing safety to passengers in running trains; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to provide safety to the passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. A Conference of Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Policeof State/Union Territories Governments was held on 15.01.2000. The Special Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs also attended the Conference.

(b) It was decided to constitute a High Level Committee on Railway Securityunder the Chairmanship of the Chairman Railway Board consisting of representatives of Ministry of Railways, Union Ministry of Home Affairs andStates of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Punjab, Maharashtra and West Bengal tostudy various factors that affected the security of passengers and their belongings and to recommend steps for improving the same. The Committee is expected to finalise its report shortly.

(c) Does not arise.